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SUBJ: AUGUST PRODUCTION: NEW RECORD, IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

1. WE HAVE LEARNED WHAT HAPPENED TO ARAMCO PRODUCTION DURING AUGUST, WHICH DID GO DOWN TO AN AVERAGE OF 7.9 MILLION BPD, SOME SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND BD LESS THAN CEILING SET BY SAG. HOWEVER, THIS WAS DUE FOR MOST PART TO HIGH WINDS AND POOR OFF-TAKE CONDITIONS AT RAS TANURA DURING FIRST 15 DAYS OF MONTH. RECOVERY WAS RAPID AND A NEW RECORD FOR A SINGLE DAY'S PRODUCTION WAS SET ON AUG 27 WHEN 9.57 RPT 9.57 MB WAS BROUGHT OUT OF THE GROUND.

2. DURING THE FIRST HALF MONTH 7.3 MBD WAS THE AVERAGE PRODUCTION. EVEN ON 16TH OF AUGUST PRODUCTION WAS STILL DOWN TO ONLY 6.5 MBD, A NEW LOW SINCE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. DURING FINAL TEN DAYS OF MONTH, THE AVERAGE HAD JUMPED BACK TO ITS NORMAL 8.57 MBD.

3. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT BY SAG TO LOWER PRODUCTION BUT THAT A COMBINATION OF BAD WEATHER AND LESS WILLINGNESS TO LOAD OIL EXPEDITIOUSLY FOR COMMERCIAL REASONS WERE THE CAUSE OF LOW PRODUCTION.
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